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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED PROGRAM FOR AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL VISIT WITH MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION (MHR) ORGANIZERS JULY 8. ONLY FIRM APPOINTMENTS ARE THOSE, MENTIONED REF B, ON JULY 13 WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS AND MINISTER OSMAN ET AL. MHR ORGANIZERS ARE PLANNING TO AWAIT DECISIONS OF MEETING WITH MINISTER OSMAN BEFORE ARRANGING FIELD TRIPS, AND SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH OTHER MINISTERS. THEY HAVE TOLD US HELICOPTERS ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND THAT REST OF PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

2. PRESS REPORTS ON AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL VISIT WHICH APPEAR JUNE 8 MAY BE OF INTEREST. IN CONNECTION WITH STORY ON MINISTER OSMAN'S FIVE DAY INSPECTION TOUR OF RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, PRESS MENTIONS VISIT BY AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL TEAM TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVEN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES, EACH CONSISTING OF 40,000 ACRES. SUEZ CANAL AND SINAI MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR SOME PROJECTS. COMPLEXES WILL REPORTEDLY PROVIDE FOOD STUFFS AND CREATE FOOD INDUSTRIES FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION.
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